20. 9bre 1795.

24/AS

ORDINANCE.

MARTINICO.

By His Excellency ROBERT SHORE MILNES, Eſquire, Governor & Commander in Chief of the Island of Martinico & Vice-Admiral of the ſame &c. &c. &c.

IT has ever been the object of His Majeſty's paternal care to provide for the ſafety and ſecurity of his Subjects, and to protect their property not leſs by the wisdom of his Councils than by the vigour of his Arms: The moment draws near when that protection will be diſplayed in this part of His Majeſty's dominions in the moſt efficacious manner, and when nothing can impede the ſucceſs of thoſe operations which are to ſecure for ever to thoſe iſlands the principles of ſocial order, if thoſe to whom the execution of thoſe plans are entruſted meet with, as there is every reaſon to expect they will, the unanimous concurrence and ſupport of all proprietors in the Weſt Indies.

On this occaſion His Majeſty particularly relies on the zeal and loyalty of his Colony of Martinico, and has no doubt of the eagerneſs with which this island will vie with every other part of the British Empire in ſeconding with energy thoſe meaſures which His Majeſty may think fit to take in order to enſure the happineſs and tranquility of the whole.

Among theſe meaſures His Majeſty's Miniſters recommend to us in the ſtrongeſt manner the raiſing a Corps of Pionneers for the ſervice of the Army, and the contingent which the Honourable Brigadier General KNOX, His Majeſty's Quarter-Maſter-General, has thought this Iſland ſhould furniſh for that purpoſe is fixed at one thouſand negroes, wherefore having deliberated with our privy Council, We have by virtue of the power in us veſted, and by the advice of our ſaid Council, ordained and do hereby ordain as follows.

ART. Iſt. A levy of a thouſand pionneers ſhall be made in the Colony, in the proportion of two negroes in every 80 ſlaves ſubject to the poll tax.

ART. 2d. They ſhall be divided into parties of 25 men under a negro driver, who will be rewarded particularly according to his conduct. — And on each hundred men forming four of the above parties an inſpector ſhall be placed who will receive a pay of ſeven ſhillings ſterling pr. day.

ART. 3d. The negroes as ſoon as they are muſtered ſhall be ſent in the following manner.

Thoſe of the parishes of *Ste. Marie, Marigot, Grand'Anſe, Baſſe-Pointe, Macouba, Prêcheur, St. Pierre, Mouillage & Carbet,* —— to St. Pierre.

Thoſe of the parishes of *Trinity, Robert, Gros-Morne, François, Vauclin, Lamentin, Riviere-ſalée, Trou-au-Chat, Trois-Islets, Anſes-d'Arlets, Diamant, Ste. Luce, Ste. Anne, St. Eſprit, Riviere-Pilote, Marin, Caſe-Pilote, & Fort-Royal* —— to Fort-Royal.

Commiſſaries will be appointed at St. Pierre & Fort-Royal, to receive and examine, admit or refuſe and to enregiſter the negroes.

The ſame Commiſſaries ſhall be applied to, when the negroes return.

ART. 4th. Thoſe whoſe negroes are refuſed ſhall ſend other immediately in their room. — And the perſons who do not furniſh their proportion ſhall be compelled thereto, and forfeit all claim to the hire thereof and to the indemnity in caſe of loſs of the negroes.

ART. 5th. The Inhabitants of the Colony are informed that the hire of each negro is to be paid to them by the military department at the rate of 74 liv. 5 currency pr. month and that beſides a bounty of 15 liv. 5 pr. month alſo will by given to the negro.

ART. 6th. The hire of the negroes ſhall begin from the day they are enregiſtered at the office of the Commiſſaires mentionned in art. 3d. and ſhall ceaſe from the day they are ſent back to the ſaid office from whence, after having been inſpected, they ſhall be returned to their maſters.

The hire due ſhall be paid every month at the ſaid offices.

ART. 7. The military department allows a ſum of two thouſand livres currency for each negro dead or diſabled, or who ſhould happen by any reaſon whatever, to be loſt to his maſter.

ART. 8. The value of the diſabled ſlaves mentioned in the foregoing article ſhall be entirely paid to their maſters, who ſhall be bound to receive and take care of them, agreeable to the laws on that behalf. With regard to the negroes who might have ſuffered ſome accident without being entirely unfit for ſervice, the above mentioned commiſſaries in delivering them up to their maſters will make an appraiſement thereof, that the overplus of their value be paid.

ART. 9. The negroes ſhall be completely cloathed at His Majeſty's expence, and every precaution is already taken to provide completely for their maintenance.

ART. 10. They ſhall be on no pretence enliſted in the black corps, nor ſent to ſerve in any other parts than the windward islands; but as ſoon as they are no longer wanted for the army of the windward islands, they ſhall be returned to the office before mentioned.

ART. 11. Agreable to art. 1ſt. every perſon having 40. ſlaves ſubject to the poll tax ſhall furniſh a negro, and ſo on for every 40 negroes.

61 ſlaves ſubject to the tax ſhall be as twice forty, 101 as three times forty, and ſo on.

Every perſon having 25 ſlaves ſubject to the tax ſhall furniſh a negro as if he had forty.

Thoſe under 25 and above 14 ſhall draw lots two and two for a negro.

Thoſe under 14 and above 5 ſhall draw lots four and four for a negro.

The Officers of the Sovereign Council are hereby deſired theſe preſents to regiſter, & cauſe to be regiſtered wherever it may be neceſſary.

The Commiſſaires Commanding the pariſhes are directed to ſee the ſame fulfilled.

Given at St. Pierre Martinico under our Hand & ſeal the 20th. day of November 1795.

(*Signed*) ROBT. S. MILNES.

By His Excellency's Command

(*Signed*) CHARLES COTTRELL,
Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Regiſtered has been the Ordinance herein contained, on the regiſter book of records, of the Sovereign Council of Martinico to be fulfilled according to its form & tenor, printed, read over, published, & poſted-up in all the parishes of the Colony, on the King's attorney general being heared, and requiring the ſame, purſuant to the act of this day 23d. November 1795.

Signed *ROIGNAN.*

RPJCB

bDB
M386
1795
1
OVERSIZE

RS 20
1795

71-208
R.S. Wormeley
Dec. 70

20. Nov 1795.
Jeweller double